IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 04-104-C)

In application of:

Bucciarelli et al.

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Before the Examiner:

M. Belyavski

Serial No. 10/646,129

Group Art Unit: 1644

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For: Methods and Compositions for Increasing Protein Yield from a Cell Culture

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION

MAILED MAY 31, 2006

Commissioner for Peterta

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed May 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

## Status of the Claims in the application

Claims 31-34, 59, 60 and 63, as herein amended, claims 42, 57 and 58, as previously amended, and claims 35-41, as filed are pending in the application. The grounds of rejection in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment or traversed by argument.

Amendments to the claims are set forth pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 on pages 2-7, and their Remarks on pages 8-9.

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